WRITTEN ANSWER TO STARRED QUESTION

new tourism schemes for development of Puri and Konark

282. SHRIMATI JAYANTI PATNAIK: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have a proposal to implement new schemes for the development of Puri and Konark for tourism;

(b) whether similar schemes are proposed to be implemented for the development of tourist spots in other parts of Orissa; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRI SRIKANTA KUMAR JENA): (a) The State Government has identified an area of about 3500 acres of land towards South of Puri Town for development as Special Tourism Area.

(b) and (c) .

There is no proposal for the establishment of Special Tourism Area in other parts of Orissa. However, the Government of India has been providing financial assistance to the State Government for the development of various tourist spots in the State. The projects assisted during 1996-97 include wayside amenities at Ghatgaon, Satpada, Ramachandi, Talohua, Kaipader and Sanghaghra, tourist complexes at Kendrapara, Upper Jenk, Amathgarh, Sasla and Kapilas, refurbishment of monuments of Ratnagiri, Udargiri and Lalitgiri, Development of Laxmi Barah Temple at Aul, Biranchi Narayan Temple at Palia and Lord Baldev Jew Temple at Kandrapara, Development of Forest Lodge at Dangama, and Sound and Light Show at Sun Temple, Konark.

बडौदरा में गुजरात उच्च न्यायालय की एक खंडपीठ की स्थापना

283. **श्री चीमनभाई हरीभाई शुक्ल:** क्या विधि और न्याय मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या दक्षिण गुजरात में बड़ौदरा-सूरत में गुजरात उच्च न्यायालय की एक खंडपीठ स्थापित किए जाने का कोई प्रस्ताव है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो इसे कब तक स्थापित किए जाने की संभावना है;

(ख) यदि नहीं, तो सरकार न्याय को इस क्षेत्र के गरीब, जनजातीय तथा पिछड़े लोगों की पहुंच तक लाने के लिए क्या कदम उठाने का विचार रखती है ;

(घ) क्या सरकार इस संबंध में कोई वैकल्पिक व्यवस्था करने पर विचार कर रही है ; और

(ङ) यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है ?

विधि और न्याय मंत्रालय के राज्यमंत्री (श्री रमाकान्त डी० खलप) : (क) से (ङ) राजकोट, सूरत, बडोदरा, कच्छ और भावनगर में गुजरात उच्च न्यायालय की न्यायपीठों की स्थापना के लिए, समय-समय पर, विधिज्ञ संगमों, आदि से अभ्यावेदन प्राप्त होते रहे हैं । तथापि, गुजरात राज्य सरकार से, इस संबंध में, गुजरात उच्च न्यायालय के मुख्य न्यायमूर्ति के परामर्श से, अभी कोई प्रस्ताव प्राप्त नहीं हुआ है । केन्द्रीय सरकार द्वारा इस विषय में, ऐसे प्रस्ताव के प्रारूप के प्राप्त होने पर ही कार्रवाई की जा सकती है ।

Non-responding officials of State Bank to difficulties|suggestions of MPS

284. SHRI VISHNU KANT SHASTRI:
SHRI BANGARULAXMAN:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether senior officials of Parliament Street main branch of State Bank of India, Delhi have not been rasponding to the difficulties|suggestions of Members of Parliament;

(b) whether in a case in which a lapse by the bank was continuing for about three years and even when an MP drew their attention towards it, not only the lapse further continued for about eight months, the officials responded only when the MP lastly wrote to the Finance Minister; and

(c) the steps being taken to make a senior officials available from Parliament Street main branch to receive suggestions from MPs and learn their difficulties to avoid such situation in future?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b) According to information received from the State Bank of India (SBI) Local Head Office, New Delhi, Parliament House Sub-Office of SBI is functioning in the Parliament House solely to meet the banking needs of the Hon'ble Members of Parliament (MPs) and Ex-MPs. Some MPs had experienced difficulties regarding non-implementation of standing instructions. Subsequent to receipt of a complaint regarding loss of interest on account of delayed transfers of the amounts in question, SBI have recalculated the interest payable on the assumption of transfers having taken place as per standing instructions and the differential in interest has been credited to the account of the party. SBI have further reported that appropriate steps have been initiated to ensure that standing instructions are compiled with and that no delay in compliance takes place. Letters addressed to the higher officials of the New Delhi Main branch and local Sub-Office of SBI received from Hon'ble Members are normally attended to promptly. However, in one case as mentioned above, there was delay both in implementing standing instructions as also in responding to the letters of the Hon'ble MP and the complaint was redressed only when the MP brought this to the notice of the Finance Minister. SBI have looked into the delays that occurred in replying to the communications of the Hon'ble Members of Parliament and initiated suitable corrective action. Action has also been initiated to avoid such delay in future.

(c) A system has been introduced for making available a senior officer from the Parliament Street Main branch at the Parliament House Sub-Office of the bank once in a week to receive suggestions from Members of Parliament and to effect procedural improvements wherever necessary.

Sitting up of a Radio Station at Melghat

*285. SHRIMATI BASANTI SARMA:

SHRI V. RAJESHWAR RAO:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether a small Radio Station will be set up for broadcasting in the Korbu dialects; in view of the fact that the Korbu tribals who live in the Melghat area in Amravati district of Maharashtra are illiterate but require extensive health education;

(b) whether this will go a long way to prevent further deaths of tribal children, 4500 of whom have died during the last three years; and

(c) if so, what concrete steps will be taken in this direction?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY): (a) to (c) All India Radio Nagpur provides Radio coverage to the entire Amravati district of Maharashtra. A separate Radio Station at Amravati has been envisaged to be set up under IX Plan subject to availability of adequate resources and other infrastructural facilities. Health awareness programmes are regularly broadcast from All India Radio, Nagpur. A folk and tribal music unit has also been sanctioned recently for Nagpur station to take care of the requirements of people speaking in Korku district.